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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations
Room H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$ 50,000 in funding for the Books and Bucket project in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the SEE (Books and Buckets), located at 1450 Cedar Ave, Long Beach, CA 90813.

The Books & Buckets program provides youth outreach, education and violence prevention services targeting the Washington neighborhood of Long Beach. The Books & Buckets Youth Academy takes youth through an intensive 8-week academic and athletic program. This program aims to build youth's athletic promise through fundamental basketball drills, growth mindset through carefully selected readings, and advocacy skills through thoughtfully crafted activities. The academic portion is led by multiple directors of the program to combine literacy and advocacy. Youth are assigned readings every week and unpack what they read using facilitated group discussions. In response to the readings, the youth craft questions for invited guest speakers of various branches of community work such as elected officials, community organizers, and non-profit leaders. The Youth Action Program takes youth through an intensive 6-month athletic and advocacy program and builds upon the Youth Academy. Facilitated activities allow youth to unpack issues in their neighborhood and identify action strategies.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Alan Lowenthal
Member of Congress

